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PROPOSED FID PROGRAM FOR SOUTHEAST ASIA

The following reports will be issued in the FID Summary series, consisting in general of summaries of information in newspapers, periodicals, and monographs. Specific exceptions to the above and priorities of information to be handled are stated under each report.

1. Indochina

Monthly Information Report on Indochina

Priorities: 1) national and local government and political organizations and activities; 2) manpower, labor, ethnic groups; 3) attitudes toward internal and external affairs; 4) agriculture, industry, transportation, domestic and foreign trade; 5) cultural and sociological activities; and 6) biographic. *religious groups*

The report will be broken down internally into sections on South Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, and if material becomes available, North Vietnam. *Military*

2. Burma

Semiquarterly Information Report on Burma

Priorities: 1) national and local government and political organization and activities, subversive activities; 2) manpower, labor, ethnic groups; 3) attitudes toward internal and external affairs; 4) agriculture, transportation, trade and industry; 5) cultural and sociological activities; and 6) biographic.

Whenever available, a section of this report will be devoted to abstracts of legislation and other basic information appearing in the Burma Government Gazette. *Labor Gazette*

3. Thailand

Semiquarterly Information Report on Thailand

Priorities: 1) national and local government and political organization and activities, internal security; 2) manpower, labor, ethnic and regional groups; 3) cultural and sociological activities; 4) attitude toward internal and external affairs; 5) agriculture, transportation, trade, and industry; and 6) biographic.

4. Indonesia

Quarterly Information Report on Indonesia

Priorities: 1) government and political organizations and activities, including elections; 2) military, including training facilities, paramilitary and security activities; 3) manpower, labor organizations and affiliation; 4) transportation, agriculture, trade, resources, and general economic developments; 5) sociological activities, with emphasis on education and cultural. *religious groups*

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This report will be organized internally by regions, i.e., Java, Sumatra, Borneo, Celebes, Moluccas, and Lesser Sundas.

5. Overseas Chinese

Semiquarterly Information Report on Overseas Chinese Activities in Indonesia, Burma, Thailand, Indochina, Malaya and the Philippines

Coverage will be limited to economic and political activities, education, and labor information.

6. The Philippines

Biweekly Survey of the Bagong Buhay

This report in the [] series will consist of summaries of articles and editorials of the Bagong Buhay covering indications of attitudes on public issues, attitude towards the United States, and exclusive reporting by the Bagong Buhay on provincial information, resettlement of Huks, appraisal of national and local government activities, local political party activities and personalities, and labor organization and activities.

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